

Critter Careers



Jobs with Animals & Animal Services

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Why People Choose to Work with Animals

- Animals Grab our Heart
- They Sing to our Soul
- Give us a Sense of Helpfulness
- Less Demanding than People
- Complain Less
- Offer Unconditional Love
- Exciting
- Help Humanity



Different Venues

■ Public

■ Government

- Animal Control
- Vector Control
- Wildlife Biologist
- Conservation Officer
- Fish & Game Warden

■ Research

■ Private

- Zoologist
- Veterinarian
- Nuisance Wildlife Relocator/Rehabilitator
- Breed/Show Animals
- Animal Dietician
- Animal Trainers

The following descriptions will be overviews and generalities of each job area. Some areas require more or less education, some areas pay differently according to the cost of living in that area, some are very controversial. We are only presenting the information and take no stand for or against any particular career.

Animal Control



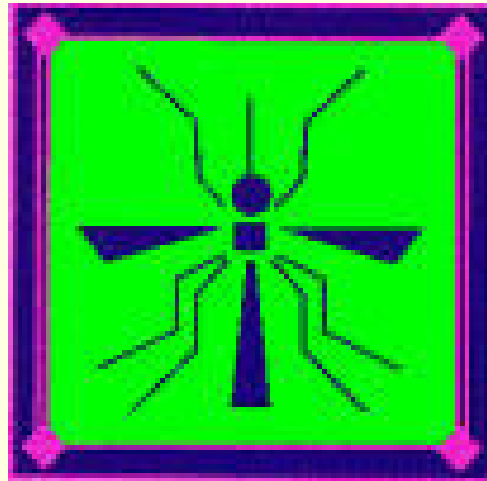
Animal Control

- High School Graduate
- Salary averages low end of middle-class pay
- Usually good benefits – insurance, retirement, vacation/sick days, etc.
- Some require the ability to become certified law enforcement.

Animal Control



Vector Control



Vector: *n.* carrier of disease

Vector Control

- Usually require four year degree
- Outside work
- Understand various vectors, their living and husbandry habits, and how to eliminate them from being problematic.
- Can pose a higher disease possibility than many other jobs.

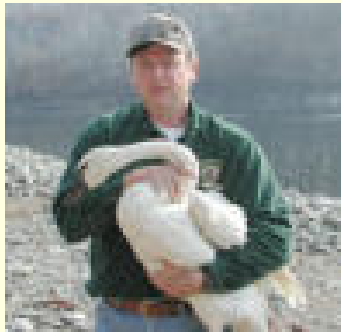
Wildlife Biologist

- Four year degree
- Outside work
- Work with exotic animals
- Research based profession
- Extensive travel



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Wildlife Biologist



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Conservation Officer



Conservation Officer

- Four Year Degree
- Law Enforcement Duties – poachers, environment
- Outside Work
- Broad Range of Animals



Fish & Game Warden



Fish & Game Warden

- Very Similar to a Conservation Officer
- Four Year Degree Outside Work
- Law Enforcement – limits, poachers, etc.



Research



Research

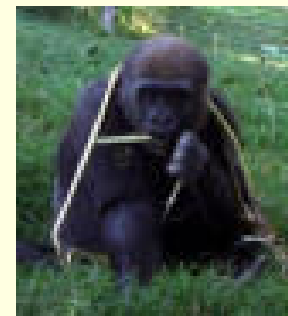
- Four Year Degree up to Doctorate
- Outside/Environmental Research
- Lab Research
- Large Scope of Research done with Animals



Zoologist

- Master's Degree or Higher
- Inside/Outside work
- A Biologist who specializes in the study of animals.
- Very Encompassing Profession – work with all aspects of animals.

Zoologist

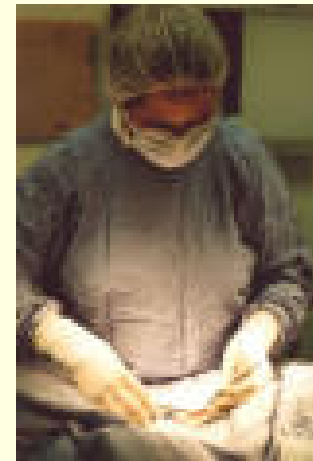


Veterinarian



- Graduation from Veterinarian Medical School
- Different Areas of Specialty – companion animals, birds, large animals, orthopedic medicine, ocular medicine, internal medicine, etc.
- Work in Private Practice, Government Meat Inspectors, Research, Zoos, etc.

Veterinarian



Wildlife Rehabilitator/Relocator

- Minimal Education Requirements
- Federal & State Permits
- Appropriate Housing



Breed/Show Animals

- No Education Requirements
- Environment Responsibilities
- Work at Home
- Travel Opportunities
- Various Incomes



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Animal Dietician



- Master's Degree or Higher
- Work in Large Scale Operations (Zoos, Refuges, etc.)
- Specialized Area



Animal Trainers

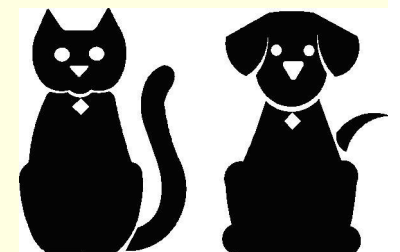
- No Education Requirements
- Fun & Rewarding
- Must be Very Patient



Conclusion

- If you want a job working with animals, there is one out there for you!
- This is only a general overview of some of the possibilities.
- Many of these jobs overlap – Zoologist can be Conservation Officers, Veterinarians can work in Vector Control, Rehabilitator can be a Dietician, etc.
- For More Information, peruse the Internet.

GET TO WORK!



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